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Romney increases delegate count

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

As the race to the White House continues, it is still somewhat unclear who will represent the Republicans against President Barack Obama in November's general election.

"Super Tuesday" is typically an indicator of who will be the Republican nominee, but this was not the case in 2012. The results of the elections held on March 6 were too split to determine the definite nominee.

However, the results of this year's Super Tuesday show that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is inching closer.

After a photo finish, Romney won Ohio's primary over the former senator from Pennsylvania, Rick Santorum, by just over 10,000 votes. Romney also found himself on top in Arkansas, Virginia, Vermont, and overwhelming in Massachusetts and Indiana.

However, Santorum did not come out of Super Tuesday defeated. He won North Dakota, Oklahoma, as well as Tennessee.

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich also managed a win in his home-state of Georgia.

Despite not winning a single state in the primaries thus far, former Congressman Ron Paul remains in the race.

A candidate requires 1,144 delegates to win the nominee. So far Romney holds the lead with more than 500 delegates, and 30 super-delegates.

With just over half of the states having voted, the race to become the Republican presidential nominee remains open.

In the weekend primaries following Super Tuesday, both Santorum and Romney gained delegates. Romney won several U.S. territories including Guam and the Virgin Islands and seven Kansas delegates. Santorum won the majority of Kansas and 33 delegates.

The race has continued to hold Romney from a definite lead.

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Dynasty

Knights claim third straight title, take fifth title in seven years



ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Ryan Lindberg drives the baseline against Mitchell during the state championship game in Rapid City. The Knights defeated the Kernels 63-48. The Knights won their third consecutive state title, a feat that has never been done in class AA. For full coverage, see page 6.

Southside Walmart faces stern opposition

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

Saving Our Neighborhoods, a group opposing the proposed new Wal-Mart, hosted a petition signing event from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spirit of Peace UCC Church on March 11.

With more than 10,000 stores, Walmart, the world's largest retailer, intends to build a third location in Sioux Falls. The proposed third Walmart will potentially be placed at the northeast corner of 69th Street and Cliff Avenue.

The land was zoned for commercial use several years ago when HyVee planned to build a location there. This grocery store branch has since acquired the former Sunshine Foods at 57th Street and Cliff Avenue.

An informational meeting for residents within area of the property was hosted by Walmart's land-use attorney, Patrick Knecht, on Feb. 16 at Callaway's. Walmart's letter to these residents stated that a couple acres would need to be re-zoned for Walmart's parking and storm water detention.

Though this proposed Walmart may stimulate further development, a group of agitated residents in this southeastern part of town think differently.

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Book fair benefits school, students, store

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Every April, O'Gorman High School teams up with Barnes & Noble for an annual book fair. Started about five years ago, the book fair is a way for the students to assist the English department.

"It's a good fundraiser for us to have extra money to buy books that we need to use in class," said English teacher Heather Nohrenberg. "Any time a student buys a book, a percentage of that comes back to us as a school."

"I'd say it's a good incentive for the students," said junior Ellie Curd. "Especially since money goes back to the school to help fund the English department."

This partnership with Barnes and Noble allows O'Gorman's English department to use the percentage earned to buy and replace books read in various class-

es for all grades.

"We have so many students reading those books every year that they wear out rather quickly, so anytime we can replace copies that don't come out of our budget is a good thing," said Nohrenberg.

While any student can participate, when paying for their books they must first inform the store that they wish to contribute to O'Gorman.

In addition to the books the English department is able to buy and replace, the book fair has other advantages for the students.

"It's also a good way for us to promote our summer reading for the advanced classes," said Nohrenberg.

Many students can also appreciate how the bookstore makes it easy for them to find their summer reading assign-



ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Lizzie O'Connell searches for classics at the Barnes and Noble on 41st Street. The local bookstore will team up with O'Gorman High School for a weekend in April to host an annual bookfair to support the high school's English department.

ments.

Barnes and Noble lays the books out on a marked table for the students to find their summer reading, said Curd. It's nice not having to spend half an hour

trying to find the book you need.

Nohrenberg also said that it is important to support a local bookstore, especially since it helps the school as well.

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Student participates in aviation program

Josh Jorgensen
Miranda Masek

From rescue missions to homework, Elizabeth Foy does it all. The O’Gorman junior has been involved in the Civil Air Patrol since she was 12 years old.

“Right now my full title is C/1st Lt. Elizabeth Foy, Cadet Director of Operations and Honor Guard Commander,” said Foy.

The Civil Air Patrol is a part of the Emergency Services Programs.

“The Civil Air Patrol has different levels of qualifications starting with Ground Team Three as the basic level and goes up to Ground Team Leader being the highest you can get,” said Foy.

Foy is Ground Team Leader qualified, though she is not 18 yet. However, she is qualified as an instructor, working with radio and Urban Direction Finding equipment, and as a staff assistant.

Right now, Foy flies alongside a certified pilot, until this summer when she will go to flight school to get her license.

“Getting a license involves flight hours and ground school, a place where you learn everything that you don’t learn inside the aircraft,” said Foy. “This includes

everything from how to classify airports to what the clouds mean for weather to how to chart a flight.”

In the Civil Air Patrol, Foy goes on missions to look for anything from a downed aircraft to a missing person.

“A mission begins with a call from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center to the Civil Air Patrol Headquarters,” Foy said. “Normally, we pack enough gear for 24 hours out in the field.”

When out in the field, Foy could be gone for 72 hours looking for a person, so the team and the cadet leaders need to be prepared. The rescuers have to be prepared for anything thrown their way.

“There have been times when I have had to mentally prepare myself to administer CPR, which can be an unnerving thing to do,” said Foy.

Her team meets every Thursday, with staff meetings from 5:45 pm until 9:00 pm.

“We alternate the classes that are taught from Leadership, Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Character Development, which are all essential to the Civil Air Patrol missions,” said Foy.

During the classes, Foy coordinates future events, leads classes and leads the cadets in Color Guard and Drill and Cere-



MIRANDA MASEK / KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Liz Foy shows off an airplane she is being trained to fly. The model is most similar to the type used on South Dakota Civil Air Patrol’s missions.

monies, in addition to getting schoolwork done.

“Sometimes, in order to balance school and other obligations, I have to decide which is going to be helping the ultimate good,” said Foy. “When it comes to a mission and another person’s life being at risk, I know where my loyalties lie,” said Foy. “The chances of said victim surviving

are said to decrease each hour, and that’s something I try to avoid.”

“Civil Air Patrol is one of those organizations that I can look back on and have no regrets for ultimately doing the best for another person,” said Foy. “That’s the life I want to leave behind, one full of honor, loyalty, professionalism and respect towards other men and women.”

Tax season preparation includes student workers

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

With tax day right around the corner, students with jobs prepare to fill out the lengthy papers and hope for a nice return.

“After I fill out my taxes every year I feel accomplished with myself,” said senior Loghin Welch. “It helps me realize that

my hard work turns into another bonus paycheck.”

Parents can be a big help while students fill out their taxes. “My dad is a lifesaver,” said Welch. “He’s a huge help when filling out the forms.”

On the other hand, Alex Shields compares filling out his taxes to climbing Mt. Everest. “In the midst of the taxes, I feel like I can’t go on and

that I should just give up,” said Shields. “But once I accomplish the task I feel like I am above the world.”

Many students have part time jobs that require them to fill out taxes once a year.

“In the summer I work 4-5 days a week,” said junior Mark Haiar. “But during the school year I only work about twice a week.”

Having a job during the school year makes it more difficult to balance school work and working. It can also teach the important lesson of time management and turning in your tax forms on time.

“After filling out your taxes it is worth it because you find out how much money you can get back,” said Shields. “It all works out in the end.”

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“They are taking our tax dollars to rezone the new Walmart and build new roads but yet our home values will decrease,” said local resident Joanie Olson.

A local petitioning group titled, Saving Our Neighborhoods, has formed to protect this 17-acre parcel of land surrounded by a sea of homes.

“The plot of land to be utilized is zoned for something smaller than Walmart,” said Saving Our Neighborhoods writer Misty Kanta. “The city council’s decision scheduled for April 4 will give either a red light or a green light to rezoning land incompatible with what was originally planned.”

The petitioning group aims to prevent the city council from passing legislation on allowing the Walmart construction on that particular landmass.

“The main focus with petitioning is to give legitimate concerns a voice, and influence our elected officials’ decision-making,” said Kanta. “Walmart is supported anywhere responsibly placed, with appropriate and considerate construction in regards to zoning and environmental sensitivity.”

Along with building new roads to accommodate traffic, more police will be assigned to the area to secure the crime that will follow the establishment of a mega store.

“To an extent they can demonstrate that public safety isn’t an issue, especially with Sioux Falls Christian close by,” said Harrisburg resident Travis Mayer.

With the potential building of a third location comes more jobs, including road construction, police enforcement, and new employees.

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State Rep. Jenna Haggar reviews the mapping of the new state districting. South Dakota primaries will be held June 5.

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On the March 13 elections, Santorum took Alabama and Mississippi - two states that many thought Gingrich would win. However, Gingrich narrowly beat Romney for second place.

Though he lost these southern states, Romney did manage to win Hawaii.

The Illinois primary held on March 20 gave 43 of its 50 delegates to Romney. This aided

in extending the former governor’s lead by 300 delegates.

Disrupting Romney’s momentum, Santorum won another victory in the deep south, gaining ten of Louisiana’s delegates from their primary on Saturday, March 24.

Delegate Count	
Romney	568
Santorum	273
Gingrich	135
Paul	50

Desmond approaches decade as priest

Veronica Fritsch
Faith Co-Editor

It takes a certain type of person to be able to handle the commotion, drama and needs high school students can possess. This is especially true when serving as chaplain to a school of almost 800 young adults.

However, for Father Dave Desmond, working with high school students is enjoyable and second nature by now.

Beloved by the student body, Fr. Desmond enjoys the opportunity he gets to interact with high school students.

"As an adult, you get a lot of life out of younger students-especially when they are inspired by their faith," said Desmond.

When not saying daily mass or hearing confessions at O'Gorman, you will find Desmond at the parish of St. George in Hartford. Desmond serves as the fulltime pastor for St. Georges in the recently built church that serves around 400 people.

This coming June, Desmond will celebrate his 10th year as a priest. For Desmond, being a priest was not always on his radar. In fact, he did not even think about the priesthood until about the age of 25.

A Wisconsin native, he always had the dream of becoming an architect. He attended college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue construction management.

After graduating, he took a job as a construction manager, but later took a year off in order to help lead Catholic summer retreats with NET Ministries.

It was that summer when Desmond really started discerning the priesthood.

During this time he met many priests who helped intrigue him into the priesthood.



ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Father Desmond looks in on a timeout during the state tournament semi-final game against Washington. As school chaplain, Desmond has shown his strong support for O'Gorman activities, especially for basketball where he joins the bench.

From then on, Desmond decided to study philosophy and theology at the North American College in Vatican City from 1998-2002.

When Desmond was first ordained, he thought the priesthood would be somewhat of a routine.

However, he later realized all the variety it would have to offer.

"You never know what that next phone call will be," said Desmond.

Although Desmond never knew he wanted to be a priest when he was a young boy, he believes part of the reason was due to a group of nuns he was surrounded by when he lived in Aguas Calientes, Mexico from age 11

months until 4 1/2.

Less than a year old, Desmond moved to Mexico with a leg injury. Many of the nuns cared for him and helped his mother nurse him back to health.

He knows these nuns were always praying for him and continued to pray even after he moved away.

He believes that these prayers helped him end up where he is today.

Aside from his daily priestly activities, some of Desmond's favorite pastimes revolve around anything that involves the outdoors.

Volunteers, pottery bowls help fuel soup supper

Shae Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

For more than 12 years, the O'Gorman community has been helping to feed the hungry within Sioux Falls.

For every single year of this program, the O'Gorman art department has been involved to make bowls for the fundraiser.

"Empty Bowls is actually a grassroots effort to defeat hunger in the world and in particular the Sioux Falls area," said art teacher Gary Siska.

"The concept originated with a Michigan art teacher, John Hartom back in 1990 who joined a drive in his community to raise money for charity."

"The idea was to have artists/potters and his high school art students use their talents to make a difference in their community," said Siska.

"These 'soup suppers' are happening all over the United States and other parts of the world.

O'Gorman heard about the endeavor and became involved about 12 years ago," said Siska.

"Campus Ministries initiated the project and it was just natural for the O'G art department to join in," said Siska.

The art club and pottery classes joined efforts and created around 40 bowls for the cause.

While the bowls have been a part of every soup supper O'Gorman has, it is usually the campus minister planning the event.

"It is hard to say how Empty Bowls has grown. This is just my second year," said campus minister Jonathan Konz.

"Of course we hope each year that we can serve more and more people and give more money to the poor and hungry in our own community, but it remains to be seen how many will show up," said Konz.

Soups and breads for this year's event were generously donated by Olive Garden, Granite City, Minnehaha Country Club, Culvers, Cherry Creek, TC Referee, Ruby Tuesday, Spezia, Honeybaked Ham, Breadsmith, Bagel Boy, Camille's Sidewalk Cafe, Perkins, McDonald's, Pizza Ranch, Terri's Catering, and The Royal Fork.

This year, Empty Bowls served over 400 people and raised \$2,600 to combat hunger.

Rosary club unites families in prayer, hope

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

"If you say the Rosary faithfully unto death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, you will receive a never-fading crown of glory." This quote by Saint Louis de Montfort is a foundational belief of many who often pray the rosary.

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation and thank God.

Many families throughout the diocese in Sioux Falls have taken this sacred prayer to a greater level by forming rosary groups.

The families gather at someone's home each week to pray and enjoy a dinner.

These groups encourage the family aspect of the Rosary and promote fellowship.

Sophomore Jaden Holzer is an active member in Rosary club. It has helped him maintain a relationship with God from an early age.

"For me, praying with friends is definitely more effective and it is easier to pray with a group of people," said Holzer.

The night is finished off with a potluck style meal to celebrate the intentions of those prayed for that night.

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Ovation! named grand champions in Mitchell

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Despite many pivotal changes to O’Gorman High School’s Ovation!, the 2012 show choir has bonded over a successful year.

“We were thrown curve balls from every direction you could possibly imagine, but because we are such a close group of people we pushed through and came out on top,” said senior Ovation! member Meggie Jervik.

“The beginning of the year we were all a bit worried and we struggled getting started but once we started learning our choreography we all got super pumped for the season,” said senior member Chelsey Sehr.

This year the biggest change Ovation! has undergone was not a change in student members but a change in directors.

“Many people were extremely skeptical because Mrs. [Cathy] Britton left some very big shoes to fill,” said Jervik. “However, Ms. [Randi] Wallenberg has done an unbelievable job with the group.”

O’Gorman’s show choir began their season in Vermillion earn-

ing second runner-up in finals. Senior Charlie Solomon also received best male soloist. Ovation! continued to improve at Emmetsberg where they earned first runner-up.

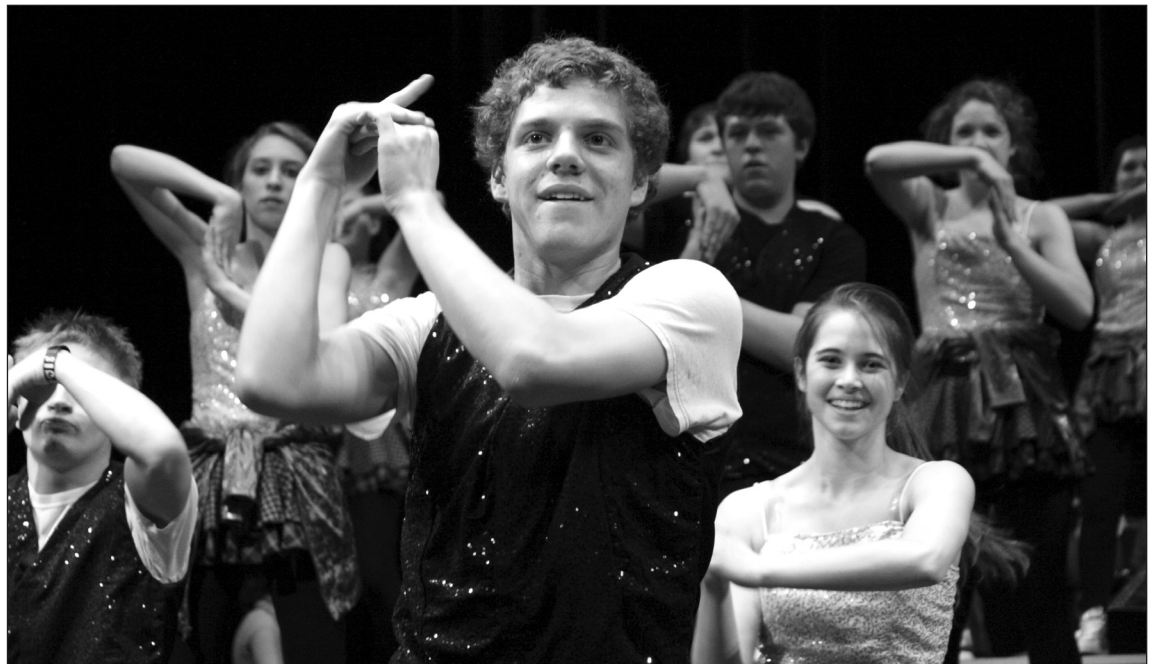
The awards continued at Washington’s Best of Show. There the team received best tech crew and first runner-up in finals for the second time. Senior and first year participant Joey Bezenek also won best male soloist.

Finally, as O’Gorman’s basketball team was aiming to beat Mitchell for a state title, Ovation! was named Grand Champions at Mitchell’s show choir competition. The show choir also took home best vocals, first in their class during the day and Bezenek received best male vocals once more.

“The feeling of self accomplishment is huge,” said senior Jason Nerland.

“It is thrilling to hear your name get called as being one of the top groups at the competition,” said Jervik.

According to Jervik, preparation to obtain this success was a long process filled with obstacles.



MATT CZMOWSKI / SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tony Klein and Bethany Claussen take part in a recent show choir competition. The show choir was named grand champion at Mitchell.

We had a retreat set in August at Inspiration Hills where we were supposed to learn our choreography for our entire show but our choreographer never showed up, she said.

We weren’t able to learn our choreography until the beginning

of January which really cut down our cleaning time.

Even with this initial setback, the show choir still managed a successful year with a great end to their season.

“We accomplished more than any of us though we ever would,”

said Sehr.

“Every single person in this group, whether they are a director, singer/dancer, band member, or techie, is amazing and we could never have had such an incredible year if it wasn’t for each and every person,” said Jervik.

Techies, costumers provide necessary backstage support

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

While all eyes are on center stage during the musical, hard work is going on backstage. Without the student techies and costumers, the show would not go on.

Each show requires about 10-15 costumers and 25-35 techies. These students are narrowed down to a smaller group referred to as the running crew.

“These are the students that will be instrumental in helping the show to make it through the run without a hitch,” said Kendra Dexter, who has been in charge of costumes for the past 12 years.

“I design the look of the show and discuss the details with the director,” said Dexter. “Once all of that has been approved, we move forward with fabric, cutting, and sewing.”

As the costumers design the visual apparel for the actors, techies design and build the set.

This includes building platforms and wall units, hanging backdrops, learning how to operate the fly system, and operating the sound and light equipment during the run of the show.

Being a techie takes year-round dedication.

“We usually start working on the next show the day after we finish the previous show,” said tech director Kevin Humke.

Building the sets isn’t always easy either. “We use jigsaws, power drills and lots of heavy lifting,” said Humke.

After weeks of hard work, a show is finally ready for the public’s eye.

“It probably takes a good 200 hours to prep for the musical altogether,” said Dexter. “But we are good!”

The Music Man premieres as first musical in PAC

Tom Breske
Sports Co-Editor

Performers, techies and band members unite once again for *The Music Man*, O’Gorman’s first musical showing at the Performing Arts Center.

The Music Man will be the first of many musicals to utilize the recently finished Performing Arts Center at O’Gorman.

“It feels like I’m a part of history,” said Joey Bezenek. “I will tell my children and grandchildren about it.”

The show opens on April 19, but auditions began in early February.

“It is a painful process cutting about a third of those that audition,” said director Teresa Fester.

After auditions and callbacks, the cast is set. This year’s show has 86 cast members.

“We chose *The Music Man* because we wanted a large show that would utilize all of our talent as well as the new PAC’s orchestra pit, fly system, lights and sound,” said Fester.

The cast has 86 members with 16 junior high and elementary students.

Mr. Scott Nelson runs the box office and Mr. Kevin Humke runs the technical department.

Mrs. Cathy Britton and Fester direct the performers. Genevieve Fuller is the dance captain and Mrs. Mollie Van Meeteren is in charge of choreography.

Band members and the technical crew also play a vital role in bringing together the musical.

“There wouldn’t be a show without us,” said freshman Cole Hayes of the technical crew.

Eighty parent volunteers also feed the cast, sell flowers and favors, build costumes, work the box office and host a cast party.

Practices are daily. There are also specific work nights for scenes, choreography and the choir. The musical gives students a chance to get real life experience performing live.

Students also help to manage the show. Juniors Haley Maxwell and Ashley Soukup work together to plan and organize the show as student managers. “We help Fester with whatever she needs and oversee the practices,” said Maxwell.

Senior Ellen Nelson is head costumer; she works with Mr. Nelson and the costuming crew to provide costumes for the show.

“O’Gorman theater is truly something special,” said Bezenek.

Jazz season ends; eager members look forward to all All-State

Jake Schreck
Entertainment Co-Editor

The jazz band season may be winding down, but the group will still be keeping busy for the rest of the year with a variety of performances.

“In the coming weeks and months, we will be performing at nursing homes for entertainment,” said Dr. Duane Niles, jazz band director. “We also plan on going to elementary schools and playing at least one fifth and sixth grade band festival. That will pretty much wrap up the year for us.”

Both sections of jazz band, the concert band and wind ensemble, have had successful years thus far. In February, the band won at a workshop in Mitchell. Then O’Gorman won third place at an Augustana festival.

“I am very happy with how we have done this year,” said Niles.

Now as the year is coming to a close, 12 O’Gorman students have auditioned for All-State band. “The opportunity for All-State is great for these kids,” said Niles. With the time that remains, Niles says that the band wants to finish the year strong and enjoy the time they have left.

“Our goal is to finish the year on a high note by having fun playing at our remaining festival concerts, and playing at the nursing homes and elementary schools.”

“From here and beyond, we just want to continue to grow and improve on our scores.”



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The O'Gorman Knights pose after winning the state championship in Rapid City. They defeated the Mitchell Kernels 63-48.

Josh Jorgensen
Sports Co-Editor

At the end of the state tournament the Knights faithful chanted “three-peat” after winning their third consecutive title, a first in AA basketball history. The Knights faced the Mitchell Kernels in a state championship rematch from last year. This would be the first time the Knights had seen the Kernels all season, making preparation difficult. “The coaches knew a lot about them from film and from watching them in person,” said senior Sam Wallin. “In the state championship it doesn’t matter, you just have to outwork them and get them tired.” The Knights jumped off to

an early lead, but at the end of the third quarter, Mitchell was within five. In the fourth quarter it was all Knights, outscoring the Kernels 23-13 in the final quarter, and winning the state championship 63-48. “Winning this championship was less about the talent that we had, and more about the whole team working together,” said Wallin. To get into the title game the team had to first go through Rapid City Central, a team that had given the Knights a scare in the regular season. The Knights started off the game strong, and carried a two point lead going into half time, but then the third quarter went in Rapid City’s direction. The Knights were down six with un-

der 4:00 remaining in the game, but then momentum swung in the Knights’ favor. “Our guys did a really nice job of keeping their composure,” said head coach Derek Robey. “We kept to our game plan, and thought the Cobbler’s really started to play scared. It was gut check time, and our guys made some huge defensive stops and we went on a 13-0 run to finish the game.” After the 47-40 scare of game one, the Knights were faced with the last team to beat them in the season: the Washington Warriors. With the motivation from the last loss, the Knights came into the game fired up, but had to find a way to stop Washington’s senior guard Joey Habter-

mariam. “We put Ridl on him, easily our best defender,” said Wallin. “Joey just never got into the game, and we were able to capitalize.” With Habtermariam shooting just 1-10 from the field with four points, the Knights were able to develop their offense, and again run away with the game in the fourth quarter. The Knights went on to win the game by a score of 64-51. “I guess I didn’t look at it as to “avenge a loss, it was just an opponent in the semi-final round,” said Robey. “Any time you win on Friday night, it is special because it means you are going to the state championship. I was really proud of our guys.”

Physical policy undergoes changes

Josh Jorgensen
Frankie Maxwell

The current physical law in the state requires some students in activities in public schools to get physicals. They include band and show choir, but not physical education classes. “The changes would require physicals from only students in high school athletics,” said Activities Director Steve Kueter. What the proposal would do besides not making a student-athlete get a physical every year, it would require fewer physicals for extracurricular activities. “Fewer activities would have to get a physical, and when they did it would only be required every three years,” said Kueter. The reason the public schools are changing their requirements from one year to every three years is to reduce the amount of record keeping. The changes would affect activities like show choir and band that currently have to get a physical but would no longer under the new plan. “We don’t require our band and choir students to get a physical, but we are going to start recommending it,” said Kueter.

Lady Knights win district, take sixth in state

Josh Jorgensen
Sports Co-Editor

After a less than stellar start, the girls basketball team finished as District 1AA champions and went in to the state tournament as the seventh seed. “We improved throughout the year and were playing our best basketball at the end of the season,” said head coach Kent Kolsrud. Going into the playoffs the girls knocked off the second ranked Warriors in the last regular season game. In district play the girls defeated second seeded Watertown and top seeded Roosevelt. “We were the number three seed going into Districts but felt if we played well anything could happen,” said Kolsrud. “We were very pleased to be district champions in a very difficult district.” In the first round of the state tournament the Lady Knights again drew second seeded Washington. The Lady Knights fell 44-39. In the first half the Lady Knights sent the Warriors to the free throw line 15 times, with Washington connecting on all of them. “Washington getting to the free throw line and too many turnovers hurt us,” said Kolsrud.

“I thought we did a good job on the boards and getting back in transition defense.” In the second round the Lady Knights defeated a solid Rapid City Stevens team by eight, and then went on to lose the consolation championship by eight to claim sixth place at the tournament. “We will miss our eight seniors, but have good players in our program and will maintain high expectations,” said Kolsrud.

Season Leaders	
Jessica Mieras	FG - 59/110 (54%)
Chandler Nielsen	FG - 81/166 (49%)
Chandler Nielsen	3PT - 38/105 (36%)
Rachel Ormseth	3PT - 31/100 (31%)
Chandler Nielsen	Points Scored - 365
Tori Langin	Points Scored - 187
Tori Langin	Rebounds - 135
Jessica Mieras	Rebounds - 126
Alyssa Brazil	Steals - 33
Chandler Nielsen	Steals - 28



Chandler Nielsen dribbles the ball against a Washington defender in a state quarterfinal game. The Lady Knights claimed sixth place.

Baseball focuses on return to state

Veronica Fritsch
Faith Co-Editor

As spring approaches, the Knights baseball team is getting ready for the season to get under way. Last year, the Knights went into the state tournament as the number one seed but fell in the semifinal game to Lincoln.

"We fell short in the state tournament last year, but this year we hope to win it all," said senior Austin Holzer.

The Knights return several seniors that will play a significant role in the success of the team. Key players include Connor Schaeffbauer at short-stop, Damon Baruth at third base, Dusty Haffeman at first base and Austin Ridl and Flynn Donelan in the outfield.

In mid-April, the team will travel to Las Vegas to play in the Bishop Gorman Annual Easter Classic Tournament.

This tournament usually draws more than 25 teams from all over the country and even Canada.

The hosting team, Bishop Gorman High School, is usually ranked first or second in the country for high school baseball.

"It's fun to go there to see how we match up against some of the best teams in the country," said Holzer.

Knights set to defend title

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

After winning the state championship three years in a row, boys tennis is after it again. But with all of last year's key seniors graduated, the team will face new challenges.

"We lost so many seniors last year – most importantly our top three players," said junior Ben Czarnecki.

The Knights feel the loss of players Elliott Czarnecki, Brad Entwistle and Adam Kianicka.

The Knights face the difficulty of having to fill the gap of senior Adam Kianicka, who can't play this spring. Kianicka will help the team, however, as a manager.

Senior Anthony Rauschenbach agrees that losing players will pose challenges.

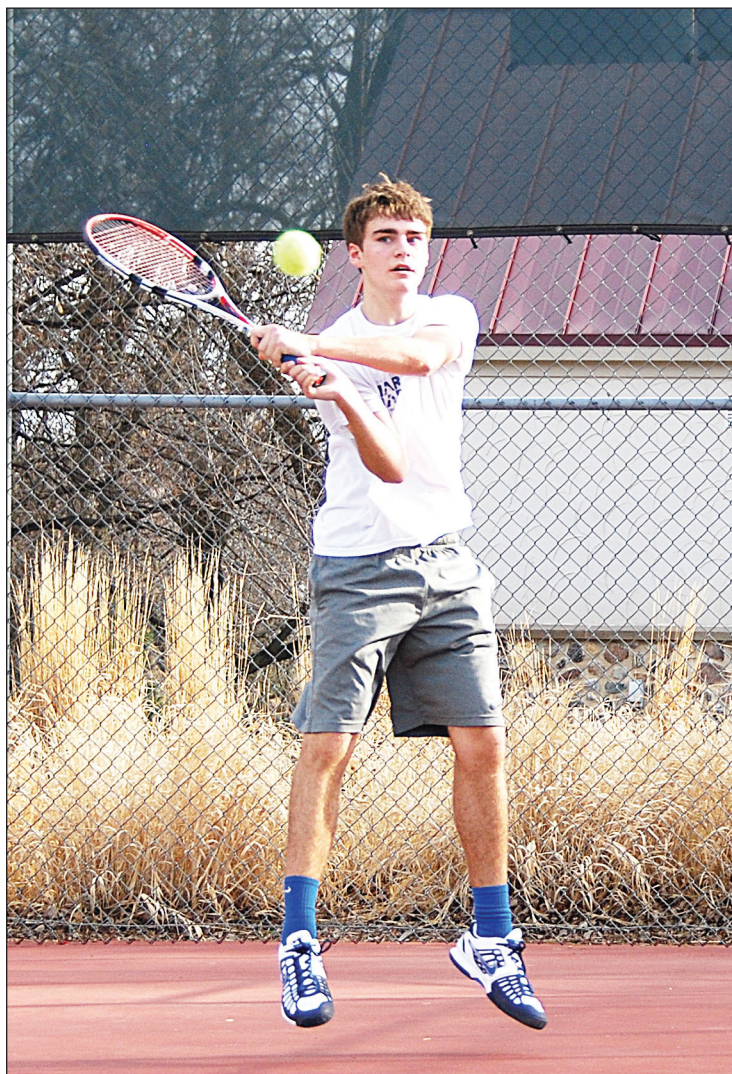
"This year is going to be different because we lost a lot of players last year, but fortunately we've had depth so we'll still have a solid team," said Rauschenbach.

With the loss in players, the Knights will have to gain more experience with the younger players.

"We don't have as much experience because we have new players on varsity but we have a lot of strong players," said senior Brian Billion.

"We get along well in doubles and such, so I think having younger players will be positive."

Even with younger players, the team is looking forward to earning a potential fourth state championship.



JAKE SCHRECK / KNIGHT SCROLL

Tommy Entwistle returns a serve during practice. The Knights enter the 2012 season as defending state champions.

"As with any season our ultimate goal is to win the state tournament," said Rauschenbach.

"But until then we just need to focus on each match so that we are playing our best during the state tournament."

"Our goal is always to try and bring home the state title and to improve as a team," said Czarnecki.

The season continues April 3 with a match against cross-town rival Washington High School.

The Knights go to the Twin Cities for matches against Eden Prairie and Eastview/Wayzata on April 13-14.

The challenge will help the team prepare for the State Tournament in Rapid City on May 17-18.

Springtime means swingtime for golfers

Jake Schreck
Entertainment Co-Editor

This spring, the Lady Knights golf team will enter the season as defending back to back champions.

The Knights are setting the bar high again this year, as they will be looking to continue their success that they have had in the last few years.

"We set three goals at the beginning of each season," said coach Rod Garrison. "We set out to win the city championship, win the Greater Dakota Conference championship, and we want to finish in the top three at state."

Garrison, who has won nine state titles in his 28 seasons as the girl's golf head coach, says that there will be some added pressure on the Knights this year, being the reigning champions.

"There is always extra pressure when you're a defending champion," said Garrison, "Once you have been tabbed as the team to beat in the state, you're the team to beat."

The squad's biggest setback will be losing Nadia Baka to graduation, who finished fifth in the state last season.

The team does, however, return five golfers from last year's championship team, including Claire Jansa and Kelsey Johnson, in addition to seniors Michaela Kouri, Kirsti Skuza and Ali Rausch.

All returners finished in the top 25 in the Greater Dakota Conference last year.

Kouri was the top golfer in the GDC, while also finishing second in the state.

"Michaela will definitely be our team leader this season," said Garrison. "She has been with us since she was in seventh grade, and now this is her year to bring the team along."

While there is a talented batch of experienced golfers returning pressure will be put on the underclassmen to perform, in order to help the team succeed.

"The underclassmen will be a big part of our team this year," said Kouri. "Since the team is mostly made up of underclassmen, we will need help from them in order to win."

While there may be extra weight on the Knights being the defending champions, Kouri says that it won't hinder the team's play.

Track team prepares for '12 season

Dusty Haffeman
Staff Writer

As the school year draws to an end, the track season springs into gear and runners begin to pick up steam. This year's team for the Knights looks to be young with only a handful of seniors returning.

Some key returners for the distance team include seniors Connor Branick, Keegan Miles and junior Chance Freese. Seniors Matt Haeder and Jonah Beacom look to lead the sprint team.

"This year looks to have a lot more underclassmen than seniors," said senior Jonah Beacom. Beacom runs the 200 and 400 meter race but this year might also include the 100 and 800 meter runs. "My goals this

season are to be a leader on the team and do my best to qualify and place at state."

The team hopes their unity and work ethic form a winning combination. "I enjoy the team unity and working hard with the team for a common purpose," said Beacom.

Some tough opponents this year for the Knights include all the other city schools along with Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central.

One key aspect of the track team is the coaches who have been around for a period of time. Doug Lindner, Steve Krier, Rick Lynch and Art Hagg all work with a great passion to help lead the Knights and make everyone better.

"The coaches help us prepare by giving us positive encourage-



CASSANDRA WILKA / KNIGHT SCROLL

Junior Mark Haiar (left) and senior Jonah Beacom prepare to take off. The Knights attended their first meet on March 26.

ment and giving us tips on our starts when we use blocks," said Beacom. "They work us hard so that we may perform to the best of our abilities when it comes down to crunch time."

The first meet for the Knights was the Dan Lennon Relays on March 26, followed by the Yankton Invitational held on March 29.

Sara Bareilles hits Sioux Falls stage

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

Bringing her edgy vocal ranges and piano infused pop-rock tunes, Kaleidoscope Heart singer Sara Bareilles plans to hit Sioux Falls on April 22. This nearly sold out concert will take place at the Washington Pavilion which was hired by Augustana College to accommodate the event.

The Union Board of Governors, or UBG, is the programming board for the student body of Augustana. This year, tackling an A-listener 'Big Event' lay in the hands of Dillon DeBoer and Jessica Haugo.

In past years, the 'Big Event' has reeled in names, such as: O.A.R. in 2006, Maya Angelou in 2007, Raining Jane in 2008 and 2009, and, most recently, Goo Goo Dolls in 2010.

"Piecing together a major artist is like putting together a moving puzzle, as an organization has to coordinate: a venue, work on band availability, avoid school

breaks and major events, balance an ever changing budget, and arrange for an opener," said DeBoer. "Needless to say, many hours have been put into this project."

After sending several offers to popular artists ranging from LMFAO to Bruno Mars, DeBoer and Haugo selected power-house vocalist Sara Bareilles.

With her playful 2009 hit "Love Song," which was nominated for Song of the Year, and her recent 2011 "King of Anything," this honest, spunky singer targets a youthful audience. "Bareilles' audience is typically ladies between 15 and 30," said DeBoer.

Among this age realm lays junior Abigail Johnson, a devoted fan of Bareilles' pop-jazz ditties. "Bareilles definitely has a pop sound that she sometimes intermingles with jazz," said Johnson. "Her songs seem very bouncy to me."

Bareilles' chart-topping songs, such as "Love Song," "King of Anything," and "Gravity" are sure to dominate the crowd's af-

fection.

"I would love to hear, "(Sit-tin' On) The Dock of the Bay and Gravity," said Johnson. "Love Song" will be a highlight of my night as well."

When Augustana was presented with the option of choosing a venue, the Elmen Center and the Washington Pavilion were the two available options.

"We decided on the Pavilion, as it was a cheaper option," said DeBoer. "We thought the acoustics would be better, and it would better accommodate an act like Bareilles."

As mainstream artists do not typically tour through the Midwest, the Augustana UBG had to reel in Bareilles with negotiation, time, and money.

"Bareilles is traveling from east to west and was looking for a show," said DeBoer. "We submitted several offers to Bareilles and, after negotiating, we were able to secure her as our Big Event for the year."

This event will serve as large-



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Major label pop-rock singer Sara Bareilles will be coming to the Sioux Falls Washington Pavillion on April 22. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from the Washington Pavillion.

scale entertainment for Augustana students as well as raise money for future 'Big Events.'

The sold out status of this concert serves as proof that citizens of Sioux Falls will gobble up tickets to a popular venue when

musicians decide to make the trip.

As for die-hard Sara Bareilles fans, this Augustana-hosted performance will pose as an entertainment landmark for Sioux Falls.

Downtown pizzeria offers good prices, solid Italian options

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

At two dollars a slice and three dollars for two, downtown's New York Express Pizza can be counted as one of the best values in town.

In addition to the cheese, pepperoni, or sausage slices, the restaurant also offers full sized pizzas with such names and variety as The Great Bambino (hot sauce, cheese, jalapenos, Andouille sausage, banana peppers, black olives, bacon, and ranch dressing on top) to The 5th Ave (pizza sauce, cheese, green peppers, mushrooms, onion, black olives, green olives, and spinach).

The menu also includes salads, breadsticks, and calzones.

Hot out of the oven, the pizza was very good.

In addition, New York Express Pizza delivers until 3 a.m. on weekends, so you can order delicious specialty pizza late at night.

A laidback atmosphere with New York-inspired décor completes the restaurant's feel.

At one point, a worker donned a pizza costume and began dancing behind the counter.



MIRANDA MASEK / KNIGHT SCROLL

New York Express Pizza sits downtown on Phillips Avenue.

The local business is located on Phillips Ave by Minerva's after their previous location on Minnesota was damaged by a fire in July.

The new location also offers outside tables for summer dining with friends.

While the food was good, the service left something to be desired, as workers seemed to ignore customers and merely brought the slices out without saying anything.

Overall Grade:

B-

Fallen series captures young adult readers

Shea Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

From the time humans are born, a person is told stories and fables that depict great battles between good and evil.

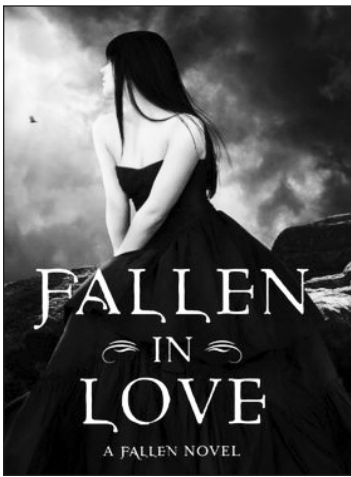
There are times when one stops to think where they stand between the lines. The truth is a human cannot be seen in only black and white. Instead, they find themselves in a grey space, non-existent in any of the old tales from childhood.

Lauren Kate's *Fallen* series has captured the attention of millions of teens across America for one simple reason.

Fallen takes on a new spin that depicts the mistakes of not humans but those of fallen angels and how they commit to an ongoing struggle while having to deal with the same emotions and dramas that humanity endures.

The big theme in the book, "Fallen in Love" is several short tales of romance starring several of the series' major characters.

The stories all fall on the one most clichéd day of the year, Val-



PRESS PHOTO

entine's Day. It turns out to have a few bittersweet stories as well as a few highly enjoyable bits. However, there are some parts that seemed choppy.

This book was my first look into the *Fallen* series. I was confused by some of the terms in the book that I would have known had I actually read the series.

This book seems like it is meant more to give the fans what they can't always see in the actual storyline.

It caters to some of the small-

er and less important romances in the series as well as the main couple. As to the writing style, that's a whole other story.

Kate gives us a new spin on the term "fallen angel" and she has a great flow to her structure. The vocabulary could be understood by most middle school students.

It could have drawn me in a little more, but I did in the end find myself wanting much more than what I got.

It made me actually want to go out and buy book one.

However, I didn't find myself as engulfed in the writing as I found myself in some other novels.

It may have been that it was lacking the challenge.

For people who want to expand their vocabulary by reading a book for fun, this may not be the right book. If someone's looking for a good romance novel, then I recommend it. The series itself goes so much deeper than this one little book.

Young band making name

Frankie Maxwell
Tom Breske

While setting up for their first live performance at The Taste of the Big Apple, band members Michael Andreone, Sean Catangui, Christ Leon and Josh Fischer were asked by the manager what the name of the group was.

"We had never thought of coming up with a band name," said junior Catangui. "Josh said the first thing that popped into his head and it stuck."

Getting the group together was also Fischer's idea.

"It was in the back of the Ovation bus when he said that we should start a band," said senior Michael Andreone. "We were skeptical at first but we got together and it worked out."

Andreone plays the guitar and Catangui plays the tenor sax.

Leon plays the Baritone sax, Johnson is on bass and Fischer is behind the drums.

As for a genre, the band is diverse.

"We started out playing strictly jazz," said Catangui. "We have branched out a bit and we now have a rock and funk vibe to the music."

The songs they play range from groov-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Coopers have played shows all across Sioux Falls including Taste of the Big Apple, Jazz Fest, Carnaval and various coffee shops. The band is planning an upcoming gig on May 23, and they want to put together a cancer benefit concert in the summer.

ing Latin to swinging jazz. They also improv some of their original songs.

"We pick a key and go from there," said Catangui. "It is usually never the same."

They also have favorite songs that they

like to play.

"We like to play a funk cover of 'When the Saints,' said Catangui.

The Coopers have gone on to play at various restaurants such as Carnaval,

which they have played at three times, and have also performed at Jazz Fest and Autumn Rock Festival.

"We have have played a total of about 11 shows," said Catangui.

They are planning to play a gig on May 23.

The future goals they are hoping to accomplish are transitioning from a "background dinner music group" as Catangui puts it to a traditional live performing band.

"We want to be the focus and have people listen instead of half listen," said Andreone. "We also want to play at Jazz Fest again, but on a bigger stage."

As for future plans, they are unsure but they want to keep playing.

"When we both leave for college we will keep playing music," said Catangui. "The Coopers will be a summer thing for sure."

"This summer we hope to have a cancer benefit show," said Andreone.

When asked if they have ever had a standing ovation, they both laughed.

"Well at Jazz Fest the people were already standing, so I guess that counts," said Andreone.

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As Earth Day nears, find 10 easy ways to conserve, save

- 1. *Recycle.* Remember that every bottle, can, or piece of paper you recycle helps cut down on needless waste.
- 2. *Turn it off!* Turn off your sink to prevent dripping water. It will save precious water and save on your water bill as well!
- 3. *Carpool.* Carpooling helps prevent harmful emission froms entering Earth's atmosphere, and it also helps save on the fuel bill each month as prices rise.
- 4. *Unplug appliances.* Don't forget that your appliances are using energy even when they are turned off. Unplug them when you're not using them.
- 5. *Buy a reusable waterbottle.* If every O'Gorman student used a new water bottle each day at school, that would total more than 100,000 bottles each school year.
- 6. *Turn 'em off.* When you are not in a room at home, shut the lights off.
- 7. *Reuse those grocery bags.* Everyone knows that special place at home where there are a billion plastic bags stored. Reduce that by simply reusing bags.
- 8. *Stop junk mail.* Everyone hates junk mail anyway, so request to be taken off mailing lists.
- 9. *Buy Energy Star brand products.* These products, ranging from refrigerators to washing machines to televisions help cut down on the amount of energy used.
- 10. *Buy local.* Remember that by buying local, you can eliminate foods that are full of pesticides and other chemicals. Chemical free food is always easier on the environment.

Thoughts about High School over the years as presented by Kelcie Rushing

Oh wow! I still can't believe I'm an ACTUAL highschooler!

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Aw yeah, gonna be a real uperclassman next year. So awesome.

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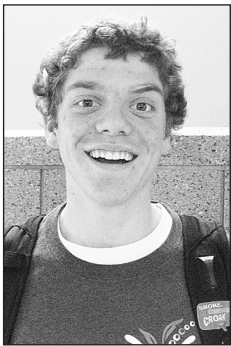
Being a Junior is nice, but I really can't wait for seniority.

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Have I graduated YET!?

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Photo Survey What is your dream concert?



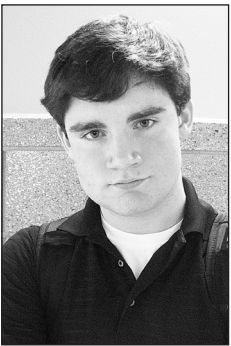
"Michelangelo"

Tony Klein



"Justin Timberlake. He's got me LoveStoned."

Leah Billion



"Beethoven. He's a dog."

Max Boyum



"The Jonas Brothers, I've been to the year 3000."

Taryn Kloth

Have something to say? Then tell us!
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Students find timing right to pursue college credit through national exams

Tom Breske
Sports Co-Editor

One mind-numbing, four-hour test is what AP students are preparing for as their final exams draw near.

O'Gorman has added 14 AP courses in the last 20 years. US History was the first AP class offered. Ever since AP arrived, students have been filling their schedules with college classes.

"I've taken eight AP classes," said senior Danny Mohama, "It's as many as I could."

More students than ever before are taking AP exams this year. Last year, 106 students took the test. That's up from 91 two years ago.

"We want to prepare kids for college, and AP classes are the

best way to do it," said guidance director Art Hagg.

"I'm only taking the AP test for physics, calculus, government, and computer science" said senior Sam Steffl took AP English for dual credit his junior year.

Colleges have their own standards for scores on a scale of 1-5. A three is considered passing by most schools. "The more selective colleges want to see a score of four or five," said Hagg.

Some students don't even take the national exam because they signed up for dual credit through Mount Marty college, which allows them to bypass the test.

Next year will see AP Human Geography added to the list. "The number is growing every year," said Hagg.

O'Gorman 2.0

As O'Gorman celebrates 50 years, graduate, principal, students look ahead, share thoughts on future of school



Makayla Hagerty
Guest Writer

In 50 years time, O'Gorman will likely remain the same. Teachers will continue to make up random rules that aren't in the handbook. Mr. Krier will still be coaching basketball, Mr. Van Engen will have completed a full marathon and Mr. Lindner will still be track coach.

The senior class might still get in trouble for bringing fruit to school, and yoga pants might be officially banned.

Or maybe the faculty will have given up on enforcing the dress code entirely. Even if none of these are true, we know for certain that Mr. Gordon will still be standing up and stretching and giving out cookies on Fridays.

Makayla Hagerty is a senior. She will be attending Augustana College this fall.



Jenna King
Guest Writer

How will O'Gorman be different in 20 to 30 years?

So much could change in that amount of time, but realistically how much would? I definitely think that our athletics program will have been updated with adding more sanctioned sports.

I would assume that Mahoney will still be walking the halls, and tucking shirts in will be mandatory. In fact I think that the uniforms will go back to being old school and skirts with knee high socks will be in fashion.

Even though the school will physically change and rules will be different, I think that O'Gorman will be the same place in theory. It will be the same place of achieving great excellence in everything we do as well as a place of faith and community.

Jenna King is a 2009 O'Gorman graduate. She is a junior at the University of South Dakota.



Mr. Kyle Groos
Guest Writer

As we work through the next 20-50 years at O'Gorman High School, I envision a school where technology will be so seamlessly integrated into the students' lives that it will effectively be the rule and not the exception.

Students will not carry book bags, and lockers in the hallways will not exist. Students will continue to receive more opportunities to jumpstart their college studies while at O'Gorman, and a growing emphasis on specific technical trades will overshadow traditional degrees.

In 20-50 years we will also see baseball, fastpitch softball and bowling becoming South Dakota High School sanctioned sports.

Mr. Kyle Groos serves as the O'Gorman High School principal.



Kristen Jones
Guest Writer

I'd say O'G is probably going to be one of the biggest schools in the city!

I also think people are going to be driving hover cars, walking alien pets, and wearing futuristic onesies!

We will still dominate in sports, music, academics, and everything else!

I think O'G will still be the top-notch school that it is today!

But in all seriousness, I think technology is going to be way more advanced. I also believe religion will be even more prominent at O'Gorman.

The memories that the students and staff share will define what kind of school O'G really is.

The class of 2012 will be the most remembered class ever because we are awesome!

Kristen Jones is a senior. She will be attending South Dakota State University this fall.

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